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The Honorable Rick Santorum United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Santorum:

This letter is in response to your inquiry to Commissioner R <u>ossotti dated M</u>	<u>a</u> y 4, 2000,
signed by you and Senator Arlen Specter, on behalf of the	. You asked
us to promptly review the rulings submitted to the Internal Revenue Service	e by the
in connection with its restructuring of the ownership of its elect	ric generation
facilities.	_

We have a number of cases involving complex issues about the ongoing restructuring of the electric utility industry. These cases present new issues for which determinations must be carefully made. However, we do appreciate your concerns and are working as rapidly as possible to make these determinations and to issue the requested rulings.

I hope this information is helpful. I am sending a similar letter to Senator Specter. If you have any further questions, please contact me or Peter Friedman at (202) 622-3110.

Sincerely,

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